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In the New York World's interview with Ingalls, he said: "The purification of politics is an iridescent dream. The Decalogue and the Sermon on the Mount have no place in politics." Church members, christians, honest, straightforward citizens of America, what think you of such utterances?

INGALLS said, in the famous New York World interview: "I have no doubt that in response to the search for eternal truth, another Christ will come and another revelation be made." And yet we have men who profess to be christians who stand up for Ingalls and will do all in their power to return him to the senate. Party before the church or religion, you know.

INGALLS ran on the copperhead ticket a number of years ago, yet there are men who claim to be straight-out Republicans, and who cannot say enough against copperheads, who are throwing up their hats for Ingalls. The fact of the matter is, John J. Ingalls is a hypocrite and a fraud, and no honest man should think for a moment of supporting him or favoring his re-election to the senate.

THOUSANDS of church members and professed christians will stand up for Ingalls in spite of his many blasphemous utterances. Many professed prohibitionists will do all in their power to return him to the senate in spite of his record against prohibition. The only thing he ever did that could possibly be construed to favor prohibition was his Forum article, in which he failed to say which side he favored—prohibition or anti-prohibition.

We were talking to an intelligent young laboring man, the other day, and in the conversation he said: "I have been working five and a half months for some of the best farmers in this part of Kansas, and during that time I have received, in money, just two dollars and a half. These farmers are all as 'good as the wheat,' but they just haven't got the money." Now, you fellows who are claiming that "times are just as good as ever they were," chew on that a while.

Twins, B' Gosh!

GRAND OLD PARTIES!
OLD ORIGINAL PACKAGES!
—Ottawa Journal.

THE time for action is here. Every farmer, every laborer and friend of the cause of right should be up and doing. The time for dickerings with the old parties has passed. Our only relief is through our American independence at the ballot box. Political reforms never come through a political, sectional or class-legislating party. It must be a party that has a national code of general principles founded upon principles that are morally right and just. Justice don't teach the doctrine of hatred and party prejudices. Justice is saying that the interest of agriculture and labor is being wronged. Justice recognizes the fact that the present wrongs to the interest of agriculture, labor and society, are due to the present unequal and unjust policy of class legislation. Justice says change the present conditions by changing the administration that allows rum and capital to control its legislation in the interest of the powers of capital. Justice says make laws that are equitable and just to all men. Justice is the voice, not of one, but of many, crying in the streets, in the homes, in public and private. Justice is saying prepare better conditions for the tillers of the soil, the laborers and the mothers, wives and children of this nation. Justice is saying shame on the voter that is more concerned in keeping up a party prejudice than he is for his or his neighbor's home.

Down in Arkansas, the Republicans and Democrats are fusing in order to down the farmers' and laborers' movement. It is about the same way in Anderson county, Kansas, with this difference, however: The Republicans put up a ticket, nominating one or more "dummies." The Democrats also nominate a ticket, putting up some "dummies," too. (This, of course, is done by the ring-leaders—the country delegates go to the convention and go through the motions of nominating the men already selected by the bosses, and think they are doing right: the country delegates are honest, but blind—that is, those who stick to their old parties.) Then, the bosses of these two old parties get together and agree on the candidates they want elected. The "dummies" are only put up as "trading stock." That's the way the thing is managed in this neck o' the woods—especially when a reform ticket is in the field. That's the way it will be done this year.

It is said that the postmaster at Baldwin City has all he can do to hand out "sample copies" of the Iola Register.—Westphalia Times.

The postoffice at Greeley is also well supplied with this same Funston hand-organ. Scott, in the last issue of the Register, infers, in a left-handed way, that he is only sending out these "sample copies" from pure love of Funston. No man with a thimbleful of brains will believe any such stuff. A Kansas newspaper man has no money to "throw at birds" or fool away on dying political dead-beats. The fact of the matter is, Charlie is making a whole sockful of money out of the little scheme.

THERE would not have been a People's party had the demands of the St. Louis convention received even respectable treatment. Years of investigation had shown the leaders in the labor movement that labor suffered by conditions brought about by vicious legislation, or in some cases, a failure to legislate. The St. Louis convention was composed of the different labor organizations by representation. The political needs of the working people were set forth in what is known as the St. Louis platform. That platform was published to the world. The Knights of Labor and Farmers' Alliance established a paper in Washington and employed men to present their claims in congress. Eight months have passed since the meeting in St. Louis, and so little attention did the meeting receive, that there are thousands of people who do not as yet know that there was a meeting. Congress has not seriously entertained a single measure asked by the St. Louis convention. Wall street has more influence in congress, and on the ring press, than two million voters, if the voters are workingmen. What are workingmen to do? Go on voting for the power that is crushing out the life blood of the nation? The Topeka convention answered with a no that has been heard by all the bosses and ring papers from Maine to California. "A secret meeting" and everybody knows about it, and everybody is talking. Why has a convention representing only one state received more attention than a convention representing all the states? The answer is obvious. One convention resolved to talk—and the other convention resolved to vote. Votes count. Votes have weight. The men who help themselves are helped. No discount on a man's work when he is working for wife and children, for home and country.

POLITICS under the leadership of the old parties is narrowed down to abuse and misrepresentation—to appeals to passion and prejudice. According to Republican papers and speakers a Democrat is everything that is bad politically; or vice versa—according to Democratic papers and speakers, a Republican is everything that is bad politically. The hate engendered in time of the war has been kept alive by careful nursing—by frequent reference to atrocities that could only happen when men, wild with the rage of war, thirsted for the blood of their fellows. So common has it become to abuse and misrepresent that any deviation from the rules laid down by the party bosses is met with a storm of abuse or misrepresentation. Many a good man is intimidated into silence and inaction through fear of the press. Many a vote is secured by appeals to passion and prejudice, and many a bad law is passed under the smart of the party lash or the arbitrary and dangerous rules of the party caucus. These things ought not to be, and their long continuance can only have one result, and that is death of patriotism. Politics is the science of government. The mission of political

parties is to teach, and establish good principles. The political teacher should teach the voter to love and adhere to good government. The great underlying principle upon which our government is founded is love for our neighbor. Love works no ill to our neighbor. The law that is beneficial for a Democrat will prove to be beneficial for a Republican if both are engaged in the same occupation. The cry that two great political parties are needed is true, only because political leaders are corrupt and dishonest. If the people could only see it, but one party is needed—and that is a party of the people.

A NUMBER of the ring papers, including the R.-P., of Garnett, in noticing the farmers' movement, intimates that it is a secret political movement. Either the editor is not informed or they willfully misrepresents. The principles of the three principal orders heading the people's movement leave the members of the orders free to vote as they please, and the members of the orders are not bound by any pledge or oath to support the people's ticket only as they now elect. The meeting at Topeka was called for the purpose of first considering the advisability of inaugurating a people's political movement. The delegates to the Topeka convention were chosen by the Knights of Labor, the Farmers' Alliance, the F. M. B. A., the Patrons of Husbandry and single tax clubs, and until after that convention met and determined upon separate political action, there was no people's party in existence. The people's party is a result of that convention. The meeting was secret for two reasons, viz: to avoid disturbance and misrepresentation. It was not known beforehand what would be done, and the public did not need to know what was done until something definite was determined upon, and so soon as separate political action was determined upon, so soon was it published. The people's party has principles and invites inspection, investigation and discussion. It has no secret aims, and the charge that it is a secret political organization is wholly untrue, and doubtless made to injure the movement.

UNDER the name of the American Book Company, school-book publishers have formed a trust that will control nine-tenths of the text-books sold and used in this country. This means that the people shall not have cheap school-books. It may mean something else of importance. The trust, by monopolizing the publication and the sale of books used in every school in the land, will have the power of improperly influencing the education of children by the matter it puts in or omits from the text-books, the distortion of history, etc. This power may never be used, but it is a dangerous one to leave in the hands of an unscrupulous trust. The war against the trust should be carried on vigorously.—Farm and Fireside.

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